

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

1-4. (Canceled)

5.(Currently Amended) A portable flash memory device comprising:
 a pocket-sized body;
 an intrinsic computer readable storage medium within said body, said storage medium not normally removable from said body and storing a plurality of interrupt messages;
 a connector for removably coupling to a host device such that an operating system of the host device may logically recognize the portable storage device as additional local memory;
 a manual actuator; ~~and~~
 an indicator for indicating, following actuation of said actuator, that said portable flash memory device may be safely removed from a host device to which it is coupled; and
 a micro controller within said body, coupled between said actuator and said connector, responsive to an input at the manual actuator to select one message that is specific to the operating system of the host device from the plurality of interrupt messages and to send said one message to said host device.

6.(Canceled)

7.(Previously Presented) A portable storage device as set forth in claim 5, wherein said indicator comprises an aural indicator for indicating as in claim 5.

8-12.(Canceled)

13.(Original) The portable storage device of ~~claim 5~~ claim 35 wherein said indicator ~~uniquely indicates at least three states when said portable storage device is coupled to a host device, said three varied states effected at the indicator by the light controller comprise comprising:~~

 a normal inactive state whereby no transfer of computer instructions is ongoing between said portable storage device and said host device;

 a normal active state whereby a transfer of computer instructions is ongoing between said

portable storage device and said host device; and

a ready-to-be-removed state whereby, following actuation of said actuator, the portable storage device may be removed from the host device to which it is coupled without loss or corruption of data.

14.(Canceled)

15.(Currently Amended) A system for transferring a file embodied on a computer storage medium comprising a host device and a portable flash memory device,

said host device comprising a host storage medium, a host operating system of computer instructions that logically recognizes the portable flash memory device as additional local memory, and a receptacle for receiving a connector,

said portable flash memory device comprising:

a pocket-sized body;

a connector for mating with said receptacle;

an intrinsic computer readable storage medium within said body that is not normally removable from said body and storing a plurality of interrupt messages;

a manual actuator for initiating computer instructions to remove said portable flash memory device from said host device; and

an indicator for indicating to a user at least that said portable flash memory device may be removed from said host device following actuation of said actuator without loss of data and without corruption of data; and

a micro controller within said body, coupled between said actuator and said connector, responsive to an input at the manual actuator to select one message that is specific to the operating system of the host device from the plurality of interrupt messages and to send said one message to said host device.

16-17.(Canceled)

18.(Previously Presented) A system as set forth in claim 15, wherein said indicator comprises an aural indicator for indicating as in claim 15.

19-20.(Canceled)

21.(Previously Presented) The portable flash memory of claim 5, further comprising a power source independent of the host device.

22.(Previously Presented) The portable flash memory device of claim 5, wherein said indicator comprises a vibrating indicator for indicating as in claim 5.

23.(Currently Amended) The portable flash memory device of ~~claim 23~~ claim 5, wherein the indicator comprises a visual indicator integrated into the actuator for indicating as in claim 5.

24.(Previously Presented) The portable flash memory device of claim 5, wherein said indicator comprises a visual indicator that changes between blinking and steady for indicating as in claim 5

25.(Canceled)

26.(Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein said host device comprises a digital camera.

27.(Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein said host device comprises a mobile phone.

28.(Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein said indicator comprises an aural indicator for indicating as in claim 15.

29.(Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein said indicator comprises a tactile vibrating indicator for indicating as in claim 15.

30.(Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein said indicator comprises a visual indicator that is integrated into the actuator for indicating as in claim 15.

31.(Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein said indicator comprises a visual indicator that changes between blinking and steady for indicating as in claim 15

32.(Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein said indicator uniquely indicates each of four states: normal-active; normal-inactive; error; and ready-for removal.

33.(Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein said portable memory device further comprises a power source independent of said host device.

34.(Canceled)

35.(New) The portable flash memory device of claim 5, further comprising a circuit light controller coupled between the micro controller and the indicator for effecting varied states of the indicator.

36.(New) The system of claim 15, wherein the portable storage device further comprises a circuit light controller coupled between the micro controller and the indicator for effecting varied states of the indicator.

37.(New) The system of claim 36, wherein said varied states effected at the indicator by the light controller comprise:

a normal inactive state whereby no transfer of computer instructions is ongoing between said portable storage device and said host device;

a normal active state whereby a transfer of computer instructions is ongoing between said portable storage device and said host device; and

a ready-to-be-removed state whereby, following actuation of said actuator, the portable storage device may be removed from the host device to which it is coupled without loss or corruption of data.